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From Megan Lengerman
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Date Thursday, March 30, 2017 11:53 AM

Ok, that's all I needed to know!

Thanks!
Megan

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It's my understanding that if Medicaid covers it at all, it's considered a "medical service" and it's not A2A reimbursable, even if a client doesn't specifically qualify for it under whatever type of Medicaid she has, or if there are no providers in her area that accept Medicaid for that service.

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To: Kraft, Emily
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Ok, thank you! If we can confirm that she was denied coverage for it, would that make a difference?

Thanks!
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I am no Medicaid expert, so I will have to defer to the folks at DSS who are, but from my conversation with DSS, it sounded like it was regular Medicaid that covered it. It may be that the type of Medicaid she has could make a difference, but even so, because Medicaid covers it at all means the A2A program can't use TANF funding to pay for it.

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Would it be covered if she just had women's Medicaid? I'm not sure the type she has, but I wasn't aware of Medicaid paying for dental expenses for adults; at all, ever. It does cover dental for children, that I am aware of.

Thanks!
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Hi Megan,

I spoke with DSS about this and was informed that dental is covered under Medicaid. As this is covered by Medicaid, the A2A program is not able to assist with obtaining dental services. If she hasn't already, she should be able to call the number on the back of her Medicaid card and get more

information.

Thanks,

Emily Kraft

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Hi Emily,

One of our clients has severe dental needs. Right now, she is taking vicodin daily and the intense pain is impairing her ability to take care of her newborn. She does have medicaid but it does not cover any dental care. The cost would be more than she could afford because she currently cannot work.

Let me know if this is something we might be able to cover.

Thanks!

Megan

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